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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 3, 2001

JOINT APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

and

CASE NO. PUC000204

VERIZON SOUTH INC.

To expand local calling
between various exchanges

FIFTH ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On July 21, 2000, Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") and Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South") filed a Joint Application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to expand local calling areas to include contiguous exchanges both within and between their respective service territories.¹ The Commission has previously approved the first four phases or waves of this expanded local calling plan ("ELCP"). Verizon Virginia and Verizon South (collectively referred to as "the Joint Applicants") filed their fifth Joint Application on November 2, 2001, (hereinafter "fifth Joint Application").

¹ Phased implementation of expanded local calling is in satisfaction of a condition of this Commission's approval of Joint Applicants' merger, ordered November 29, 1999, in Case No. PUC990100.

This fifth Joint Application proposes to implement phase five of their ELCP, which involves routes that are primarily interLATA.² The Joint Applicants identify the routes that will be implemented in phase five in Attachment A to the fifth Joint Application. Attachment B to the fifth Joint Application identifies which of these routes do not involve rate regrouping for the various exchanges. Attachment C shows the respective exchanges (and routes) for both Verizon Virginia and Verizon South that result in rate regroupings and for which customer notice is proposed. For ease of reference, these attachments are incorporated into this Order by reference and attachment. The Joint Applicants propose that all routes for expanded local calling between the affected exchanges in phase five be reciprocal.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the fifth Joint Application and applicable law, finds that customers served in the Verizon Virginia and Verizon South exchanges shown in Attachment C, which would be billed in a higher rate group upon implementation of the proposed ELCP,³ should first receive

² These routes are between contiguous exchanges located in different regional calling areas or LATAs. Before any interLATA routes are implemented, the Joint Applicants must obtain waivers from the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and file copies of such in this case.

³ Bowling Green, Boykins, Capron, Chancellor, Charlotte Court House, Colonial Beach, Courtland, Drakes Branch, Emporia, Kilmarnock, Lady Smith, and Port Royal are the Verizon South exchanges. Calverton, Clover, Mineral, and The Plains are the Verizon Virginia exchanges.

notice⁴ and an opportunity to comment or request a hearing on whether to implement the expanded calling. Further, the Commission will defer its approval of all routes that do not involve rate increases identified in Attachment B of the fifth Joint Application.⁵

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) A copy of this Order and the fifth Joint Application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(2) On or before December 28, 2001, Verizon Virginia or Verizon South, as applicable, shall directly mail a notice to each customer served in Bowling Green, Boykins, Capron, Charlotte Court House, Colonial Beach, Courtland, Drakes Branch, Emporia, Lady Smith, Kilmarnock, Port Royal, Calverton, Clover, Mineral, and The Plains exchanges separately addressing the expanded local calling for each applicable exchange and detailing the basic monthly rate increase proposed. However, the

⁴ At a minimum, the notice should address the specific expanded local calling for the customer's exchange, the need for additional FCC approval, if applicable, and contain the information included in the proposed notice shown in Attachment D to the fifth Joint Application.

⁵ The Commission's Staff has been advised that the Joint Applicants intend to file additional community of interest information on these routes in order to support any necessary filing for waivers to the FCC.

form of this notice should first be reviewed by the Division of Communications. At a minimum, the notice should address the specific expanded local calling for the customer's exchange, the need for additional FCC approval, if applicable, and contain the information included in the proposed notice shown in Attachment D to the fifth Joint Application.

(3) On or before January 15, 2002, Joint Applicants shall furnish proof of the notice given as prescribed herein.

(4) On or before January 28, 2002, customers of Verizon Virginia and Verizon South who may be affected by the expanded local calling in their exchange may file written comments or requests for hearing on the proposed additional expanded local calling routes with the Clerk of the Commission. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel according to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-30, and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments or requests for hearing on or before the deadline. Individuals may file single copies of comments and requests for hearing. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, Post Office Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 and shall refer to Case No. PUC000204.

(5) This case is hereby continued.